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FLUOROOLEFINS

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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 2, 2003, the applicants make the following election.

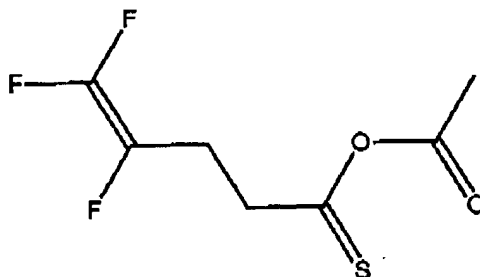
The Examiner has required the applicants to elect between Groups I, II, III and IV. The applicants elect group III claims 31-34 drawn to copolymers with traverse. The applicants do not believe that there is an undue burden on the Examiner to search Groups I-IV. The applicants elect as the species the copolymer of example 10 (copolymerization of 1-thio-4,5,5-trifluoro-4-pentenyl acetate) with vinylidene fluoride (VDF) found at page 23 of the specification. 1-thio-4,5,5-trifluoro-4-pentenyl acetate has the following structure:

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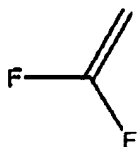
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Vinylidene fluoride has the following structure:



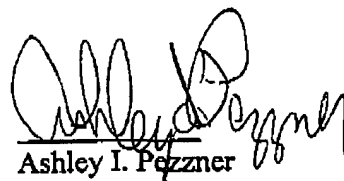
The applicants believe that claims 31, 33 and 34 read on the elected invention.

No additional fee is due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any debit or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

A prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that this response is responsive, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

Respectfully Submitted,

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